MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The member is making a mistake. The memorial referred to in the answer to part (*b*) is not the memorial referred to in part (*a*) of the question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether the matter is being treated as urgent?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

The Leper Asylum.

3. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the answers to questions numbers 61, 62 and 64 in the Legislative Council on the 16th December 1932, (T. L. C. Vol. XXII, pages 454 to 462) :

(*a*) whether the expert committee referred to in the answer has considered the points mentioned in questions 61 (*b*) and 62 ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether their report contains the comparative merits of each of the sites referred to in the answer with regard to all those points ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether that report will be placed on the table ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, why those points have not been considered according to the promise to do the same ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It has been reported that the site selected is the best of those available.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this does not arise.

Location of the Leper Asylum.

4. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of protest memorials from the public against the location of the leper asylum from each of the proposed sites *i. e.*, Nooranad, Edakad, Athiranjal and Kodumon ;

(*b*) the number of protest meetings held on this subject with regard to each of the above places ; and

(*c*) the number of deputations that have waited upon the Dewan on this subject with regard to each of the above places ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Several petitions were received in this office.

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) No record has been kept of the number of deputations received.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : With reference to part (*a*), what I have asked for is 'the number of protest memorials from the public against the location of the leper asylum'; that has not been given in the answer.

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : It has been answered. Several petitions have been received.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : 'Several' is not a number.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I am not in a position to give the actual number.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : My main question was to ascertain the number. May I know why that has not been done ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : It has not been found possible to ascertain the exact number, because——

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Was it because the number was large ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Protest memorials were received not only in this office but in other offices also. It was not possible to ascertain the exact number received in all offices.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know the number of protest memorials received by Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have not got the information with me just at present.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Sir, that is my main question. Therefore, the member must be in a position to give me the information, if not today at least on some other day.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : You need not throw out a suggestion to the member.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : I am requesting the Chair to consider this fact that, when I ask a question for the purpose of getting some information, that information must be supplied.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Yes, that is a matter of policy and it is not a supplementary question.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : May I say, Sir, that Mr. Asan wants the number of protest memorials from the public against the location of the asylum. I stated that several memorials were received, but I cannot state the exact number, because they were received in this as well as in other offices and I have not got the information.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Does the member know that my question is to the Government asking them to state the number of memorials received by the Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I know that the member put the question to Government, but the question does not ask for the number of memorials presented to Government and so the information has not been collected.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT : If this is not clear to Mr. Asan, he may put another supplementary question. The Acting Chief Secretary has given an explanation and if Mr. Asan has got further questions to ask he may do so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether there is no record with the Government with regard to the deputations received by the Dewan ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : It has been answered.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : I wish to know whether there is any record.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : No record has been kept. I think that is a sufficient answer to that question.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Which is the authority that generally receives memorials sent to Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Memorials are either sent to the Dewan or to the Chief Secretary.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Is it difficult to keep an account of the exact number of these memorials ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : No, it is not. But the question asked mentions only the number of protest memorials received. It does not say "received by Government" and so the information has not been collected. If information had been asked for specifically about the memorials received by Government, certainly it would have been collected.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Does not the Government or the Chief Secretary realise that it is the duty of Government to state the exact number ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That question need not be answered.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Could not the number of protest memorials received by Government be ascertained ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That question has been answered and no further question arises on that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : I want a ruling whether such questions can be raised as supplementary questions.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The questions have been asked and they have been disposed of. No ruling is necessary on a hypothetical point.

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5. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to my suggestion dated 26-7-1933 in the Suggestion Book placed in the Legislative Library for keeping the Library open till 8 P. M. on all days and increasing the number of books that could be loaned out to a member ; and

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